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SUBJ: JDL SIT-IN AT ISRAELI CONSULATE GENERAL

1. AT 10:00 AM, MARCH 17, 1975, APPROXIMATELY 20 PICKETS, REPRESENTING JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE, CONDUCTED DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE ISRAELI CONSULATE GENERAL, 800 SECOND AVE. AT 11:15 AM, WHILE DEMONSTRATION CONTINUED, RABBI MEIR KAHANE, ACCOMPANIED BY 6 SUPPORTERS, ENTERED 14TH FLOOR FOYER TO PRESENT DEMANDS AND CONDUCT SIT-IN.

2. NEW YORK POLICE ADVISE THAT KAHANE CONFERRED WITH CONSUL GENERAL DAVID RIVLIN, AT WHICH TIME HE MADE FOLLOWING DEMANDS:

A) "NOT ONE INCH" OF TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS IN PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS BEING MEDIATED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER WITH ARAB NATIONS AND ISRAELI GOVT.

B) IMMEDIATE REUNIFICATION OF LIBERATED LANDS WITH STATE OF ISRAEL WHICH ARE PRESENTLY HANDLED AS "ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES" BY ISRAELI GOVT.

C) IMMEDIATE UNRESTRICTED JEWISH SETTLEMENTS IN ALL CAPTURED LANDS.

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3. KAHANE REPORTEDLY INDICATED SIT-IN WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL

ISRAEL ACQUIESCED TO THEIR DEMANDS OR UNTIL SIT-INS WERE
ARRESTED, AND THAT ARREST PROCESS WOULD ENTAIL "JEW VERSUS JEW".
ACCORDING POLICE, POTENTIAL MARTYR IMAGE HAS PUBLICITY VALUE TO JDL.

4. AT 2:00 PM, MARCH 17, OUTSIDE DEMONSTRATION TERMINATED. JDL
MAINTAINED LEVEL OF APPROXIMATELY 15 SIT-INS OVER NIGHT.
KAHANE LEFT PREMISES AT 5:15 PM TO FULFILL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT.
BUILDING IS OPEN ALL NIGHT AND ELEVATOR SERVICE IS MAINTAINED.
SIT-INS HAVE COME EQUIPPED WITH JUICES, MILK, COOKIES, AND OTHER
SNACKS, AND MOVE FREELY THROUGHOUT DAY, PURCHASING SUSTENANCE AS
REQUIRED. JDL PERSONNEL ARRIVE AND DEPART ON "SHIFT" BASIS.

5. CONSUL GENERAL RIVLIN, WHO IS RELUCTANT TO INSTITUTE
FEDERAL OR STATE COMPLAINT PROCESS AND WHO MAINTAINS THAT
FOYER IS PUBLIC PLACE, WAS ADVISED OF LEGAL RAMICATIONS
BY CAPTAIN MCHALE, COMMANDING OFFICER OF 17TH PRECINCT,
AND HE OPTED TO REFUSE ARREST PROCESS AND ELECTED TO ACCEPT
TACIT TRUCE. UNIFORMED DETAIL HAS BEEN REMOVED, LEAVING MEMBER
EXECUTIVE PROTECTIVE SERVICE IN FOYER POST OVER NIGHT. PRESENT
EPS PLANNING IS TO CONTINUE THIS ASSIGNMENT ON ROTATING BASIS
UNTIL SIT-IN IS TERMINATED.

6. AT 8:15 AM, MARCH 18, KAHANE, ACCOMPANIED BY MEDIA
REPRESENTATIVES, RETURNED TO PROVIDE INSPIRATION TO 15
SIT-INS WHO REMAINED OVERNIGHT.
SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HE DEPARTED TO SURRENDER TO US MARSHALL,
EASTERN DISTRICT FEDERAL COURT, BROOKLYN, TO COMMENCE ONE-YEAR
SENTENCE FOR PAROLE VIOLATION.

7. NO COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED BY ISRAELI CONSUL
GENERAL AND NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

8. SIT-IN STILL IN PROGRESS AS OF LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 19.

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